

Program for 40th Anniversary

Tuesday, July 13 – 6:30/7:00 p.m. – Social Time/Dinner (Separate Charge) (Elks Lodge, Hwy 71 North of Wadena)

Wednesday, July 14 – 9 a.m. – Registration & Coffee at the Pine Cove Inn, Hwy 71 N.
10:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Two tours of RC&D projects in Wadena County.

Tour #1 viewing RC&D projects.

Tour #2 viewing RC&D projects and canoeing the Crow Wing River, **first RC&D project completed in the nation.**
Expect some physical activity, two persons per canoe.

Both tours will visit:

- *Rural & Economic Development: Menahga Forest Camp, Huntersville Impoundments
- *Recreation & Tourism: Sebeka Park, Old Wadena Park, Sunnybrook Park
- *Conservation Improvements: Thomastown Church Streambank Erosion Protection

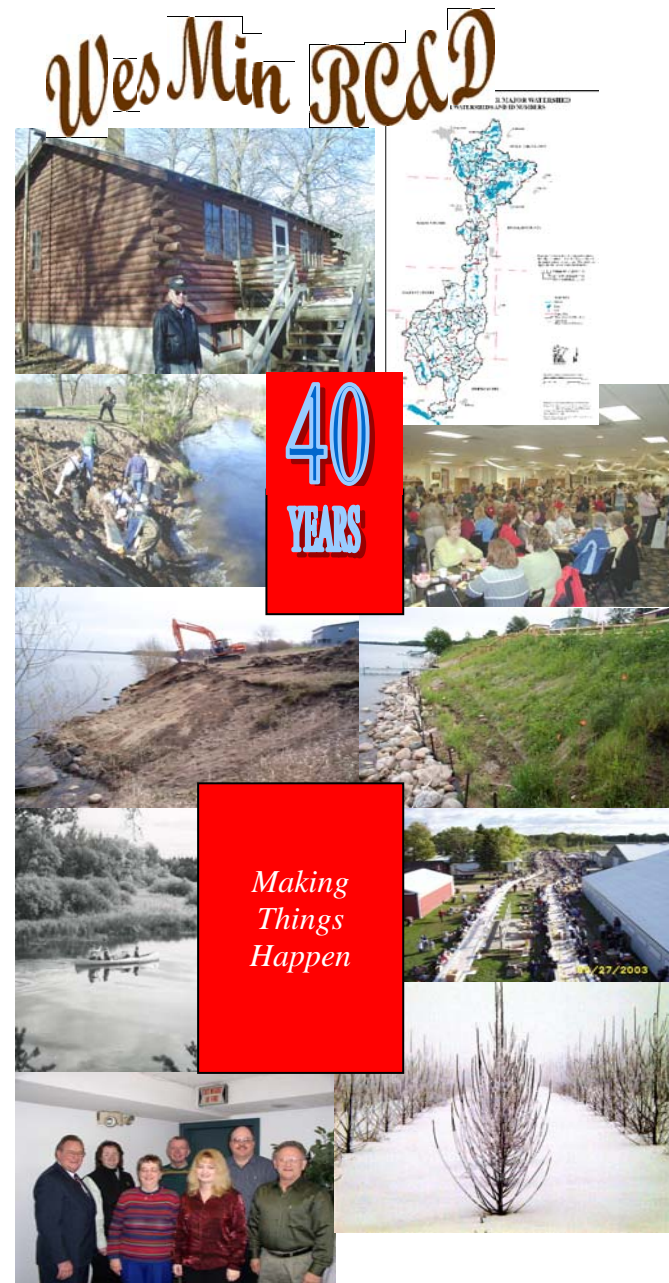
Social Hour & Banquet – Pine Cove Inn

5 p.m. to 6 p.m. - Social Hour on your own
5:30 p.m. – Music by Kip
6 p.m. – Dinner
6:30 p.m. – Entertainment
7 p.m. - Awards Banquet/Program
Speakers: Past founders of the RC&D program, USDA officials, and other persons involved with RC&D over its 40 years of success.

Thank you to NRCS, MARC&D, Wadena SWCD, and WesMin RC&D for their sponsorship of this great 40th celebration.

WesMin RC&D
40th

WesMin RC&D
900 Robert Street, #104
Alexandria, MN 56308



“One of the first RC&D’s approved in the Nation, invites you to celebrate its “40th Anniversary” on July 14th, 2004 in Wadena, MN.”

WesMin RC&D

40th Anniversary

The WesMin RC&D Council was one of the first RC&D's approved by the USDA in the United States. The RC&D program is a locally led program where a non profit council of local leaders and volunteers work together to set goals and priorities, adopt projects, and take action to develop or improve natural resources, rural economics, and human needs in their area. It was these local leaders who made personal contacts with then Secretary of Agriculture, Orville Freeman to establish a RC&D council in Minnesota. On November 1, 1963 Secretary Freeman announced in Benson, MN tentative approval of WesMin RC&D. On February 4, 1964, "West Central Minnesota RC&D" was officially approved along with nine other councils in the nation. Eventually the original five counties of Swift-Pope-Kandiyohi and Wadena-East Otter Tail were expanded to 23 contiguous counties in West Central Minnesota under the shortened name of "WesMin RC&D." The nine southern counties eventually became "Prairie Country RC&D" with the other 14 counties remaining "WesMin RC&D" and operating under those names today.

Over its 40-year existence, WesMin RC&D has completed 639 projects, totaling \$84,955,243 of financial assistance through Federal, state, local, and Foundation funding. Also \$15,940,000 in in-kind technical assistance has been received towards those 639 projects. The first project in the nation to be completed under the RC&D program was the "Crow Wing Canoe Trail" measure.

Please mail your registration to:
WesMin RC&D
900 Robert Street, #104
Alexandria, MN 56308
Phone: 320-763-3191 Ext. 5
Fax: 320-762-5502

Motel Reservations:

Wadena AmericInn (218)-631-1580
 Hwy 71 North (under WesMin Name)
 Wadena, MN 56482

Brookside Motel (218) 631-2930
 Hwy 71 North, Wadena, MN 56482

Country Manor Motel (218) 631-3323
 Hwy 10 West, Wadena, MN 56482

Wadena Inn (218)-631-3725
 Hwy 10 West, Wadena, MN 56482

Make your reservations early. Rooms are limited during the tourist season. For camping and vacation information, call the Wadena Chamber of Commerce at (218) 632-7704.



The WesMin RC&D Program is offered on a nondiscriminatory basis without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, and marital or family status.

WesMin RC&D 40th Anniversary Celebration

Name: _____ Phone #: _____
 Address: _____
 _____ I will be attending the evening activity on July 13th at 7 p.m. at the Elks. (Extra Charge)
 _____ I will be attending the evening banquet on July 14th at the Pine Cove Inn in Wadena.
 On July 14th I will go on the _____ Canoe Tour _____ Non-canoe Tour
 _____ 40th Anniversary Hats Available (Pre-ordered \$5.00)
 _____ Any handicap or dietary needs? _____

REGISTRATION: \$25.00 (Includes tours, lunch, and evening banquet on July 14th.)

Space is limited to a maximum of 200 people. Advance registration required. **DEADLINE JUNE 4TH.**